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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2172**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hideki MATSUNAGA

Group Art Unit: 2172

Application No.: 09/923,440

Examiner: A. Ly

Filed: August 8, 2001

Docket No.: 110331

For: OBJECT MANAGEMENT METHOD AND SYSTEM

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the May 5, 2005 Office Action, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-18 are pending.

**I. Improper Finality**

Withdrawal of the finality of the rejection set forth in the May 5, 2005 Office Action is respectfully requested.

The final rejection of the pending claims is premature and improper. The Office Action erroneously asserts that "Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection." It is respectfully submitted that withdrawal of the previous rejection based on U.S. Patent No. 6,412,070 to Van Dyke et al. ("Van Dyke") and U.S. Patent No. 6,513,039 to Kraenzel was necessary because these references, either alone or in permissible combination, fail to disclose, teach or suggest the features recited in any of the pending claims.